IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For :	COMPENSATION CONTRACT SUPPORTING SYSTEM, METHOD FOR SUPPORTING COMPENSATION CONTRACT, AND PROGRAM THEREOF	

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

March 16, 2009

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

   A final Office Action originally was mailed in the above-identified application on

March 18, 2008, and Applicant formally filed an Amendment Under 37 CFR § 1.116 on

January 21, 2009 in response to the March 18 final Action. A substantially identical

copy of the original final Action dated March 18, 2008 was re-mailed by the Office on

February 27, 2009, setting a new three month shortened statutory period for response

expiring May 27, 2009. The present Amendment is being filed within the shortened

statutory period for response set by the final Action re-mailed February 27, 2009, and

accordingly, no extension fee is required for entry of this paper.

   Although the January 21 Amendment has not been entered, Applicant

respectfully submits that the claim fees for new claims 20-26 in the present Amendment

were paid with the January 21 Amendment. Copies of the USPTO Electronic

Acknowledgement Receipt and USPTO Electronic Patent Application Fee Transmittal

are attached hereto, showing receipt of the payment of the requisite claims fees in the

amount of $312. Applicant has contacted the Office of Finance, and was informed that no refund of the claim fees has been made. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that no additional claim fees are required for entry of this paper.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees in connection herewith, or credit any overpayment, to H&A Deposit Account No. 50-2929, making reference to Docket No. P13205.

Reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.